

Blessed Trinity

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday–Wednesday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00pm & 1:15-1:45 p.m.)
Saturday: 1:00–3:45 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment only

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God’s gift of Diversity. We bring God’s love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God’s People.



21 Psalm 19: Words of Everlasting Life / Palabras de Vida Eterna

Bilingual Refrain

Lord, you have the words of ev-er-last-ing life.

Tú tie-nes, Se - ñor, pa - la - bras de vi - da e - ter-na.

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Who got murdered?

As of September 16, 2025, there have been an average of about 117 gun violence deaths per day in the U.S., which projects to approximately 819 deaths in a week. The Gun Violence Archive (GVA) reported 10,592 total gun deaths for the year up to that date, which includes homicides, suicides, and other firearm-related deaths. Of the 819 deaths that occurred two weeks ago, only one made the news. What does this mean for us as Catholic Christians?

Pope Francis said in 2015 “When stock markets drop ten points it’s ‘a tragedy’, when one man dies it’s the norm.” He was referring, of course, to the way the media covers “the news”.

What is newsworthy? For a Catholic anything that affects all our brothers and sisters across the world is newsworthy. Day after day TV stations like ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, BBC etc. make decisions about what news is, what the lead story should be, how should we cover it?

Sometimes, PBS drives me crazy. Sometimes the news will begin “I’m Jeff Bennett. Amna Navas is away?” Is that news, who’s hosting and who’s away? Do they know we have eyes, and we can see that he is there and she is not. The movie *Don’t Look Up* exposed the idiocy of some of the nightly news.

If you want, you can dig for news yourself. That’s how I found this article’s first sentence. When it comes to gun violence, the bottom line is every murder, every assassination should be seen as news. Considering our Christian faith, each death is as tragic and as sinful as the one before it.

The Catholic perspective should be both short term and long term. Short term would be offering sympathy and prayers and perhaps financial support to the victims and their families. Long term would include asking the question “What are the reasons that people kill people?” Can something be done about it, and so on?

It is easy to find news about money and the stock market. There are entire cable news channels devoted to making money. It is harder to find news that has a Catholic perspective, namely news that affects the sons and daughters of God. Such newsworthy stories might include poverty in the world.

Poverty covers a broad range of rights and issues. How many people worldwide do not have access to clean water; how many people are without a home; how many people who have homes do not have indoor plumbing or electricity; how many people go hungry each night and so on. And the follow-up question is systemic: Why don’t people have food? How is it that we have excess grain and our soybeans while others have nothing. Why are farmers getting compensated for not planting when much of the world goes hungry?

Yes, war makes the news every night, but not all wars. Why do countries (i.e., despots) go to war? What do they gain?

Human rights are violated in so many places. How can the church stand up for those whose rights are denied them.

Climate change not only affects our daily lives with damaging effects to the growing season, the intensity of storms and the rapidity with which storms grow, but it is also a threat to our planet’s very existence.

Access to a doctor or some sort of health care is a basic right as well. When I first went to El Salvador in 1981, the nearest hospital was a 45 minute away.

These are issues the Pope Leo invite nations to address. Or he could comment about Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce.



Welcome

**We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:
Amy & Erin Kreiger**

The 19th Annotation Retreat: Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life. 32-Week Retreat in Everyday Life (Virtual Program). Tuesday, October 14, 4:00pm - Tuesday, June 2, 5:00pm EST. *Presented by Fr. Paul O’Connor, SJ and other Presenters.* JRC offers the full Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola in a 32-week retreat in everyday life starting every October. Please email Director of Ignatian Identity and Mission, Fr. Paul O’Connor, SJ, for questions & details: poconnor@jesuitretreatcenter.org. Cost: \$1600



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A Catholic Call to Action: Caring for Creation

On Sunday, September 28, St. Ladislav Church (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) will host a special panel presentation to explore the Church's call to care for God's creation. The discussion will highlight the themes of Laudato Si at its 10th anniversary, the global plastics crisis, and practical steps we can take to live more sustainably. Speakers include Brenna Davis (Director of Integral Ecology, Ignatian Solidarity Network), Heidi Paul (AP Environmental Science Teacher, Magnificat High School) and Marty Smith (Co-chair of the St. Ladislav Care for Creation Team). Discussion begins at 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your generous support!

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| Sunday, September 21 | \$ 7,067.00 |
| Assumption of Mary | \$ 50.00 |
| Haiti Missions | \$ 25.00 |
| Bountiful Basement | \$ 987.00 |
| St. Vincent DePaul Society | \$ 45.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 33.34 |
| Memorials & Special Gifts | \$ 2,200.00 |

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, Br. Tom Carroll, OFM, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Terry Evans, Jenny Flynn, Will Gibson, Michael Graham, Louise J. Hall, Thomas Heim, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Gail Iseli, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Ralph & Judy Kobus, Linda Kreon, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Steven Povlis, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossmann, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Catherine Sesztak, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Richard Stein, Jacqueline Zambarano, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Mary Pat Wynne.

Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- * Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
- * Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
- * Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
- * Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- * James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega
- * A.J Butler (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler

The Craft Show will be on **Nov. 2nd** from 9am to 3pm in Fogarty Hall.

Tai Chi On Wednesdays at 6:30 Tai Chi Easy begins this Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 in the church basement. If you want to know about this meditation-in-motion practice and health benefits, contact practice leader Mike Reiling at mreilingllc@gmail.com or at 216-312-8648. No previous experience needed.

Laudato Si! Taize Prayer Sunday, October 5. Our creation praise Taize prayer is Sunday, October 5 at 7 pm at the CSJ Chapel at 3430 Rocky River Drive. Join us for this meditative prayer and bring a friend!



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

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| 9:00am-10:45am | CGS Level 1 (A) |
| 9:00am-10:45am | PSR 1-3 (A) |
| 10:00am-10:45am | PSR 4-8 (R B) |
| 10:00am-10:45am | Breaking Open the Word (R Lib) |
| 11:00am-11:15am | CLW (CH) |

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

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| 9:00am-10:30am | Legion of Mary (CH) |
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TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

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| 8:00am-8:30am | Novena (CH) |
| 9:00am-11:00am | IDCC (JC Lg) |
| 9:30am-12:00pm | Bountiful Basement (JC Lg) |
| 10:30am-12:00pm | AA Meeting (RB) |

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

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| 3:00pm-3:45pm | Witness for Ukraine (outside) |
| 4:00am-6:00pm | IDCC (JC Lg) |
| 5:00pm-6:45pm | Bountiful Basement (JC Lg) |
| 5:30pm-6:30pm | Mobile Pantry (Back lot) |
| 6:30pm-7:30pm | Tai Chi (FH) |
| 7:00pm-9:00pm | Choir (CH) |

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

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| 11:00am-12:30pm | AA Meeting (R B) |
| 7:00pm-9:00pm | Bell Choir Practice (CH) |
| 7:15pm-8:45pm | Stephen Ministers Peer Group (JC Lg) |

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

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| 1:00pm-3:00pm | Stephen Leaders (Zoom) |
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SATURDAY, OCT. 4

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| 9:30am-11:30am | Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Group (R Liv Rm) |
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SUNDAY, OCT. 5

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| 9:00am-10:45a | CGS Level 1 (A) |
| 9:00am-10:45a | PSR 1-3 (A) |
| 10:00am-10:45a | PSR 4-8 (A) |
| 10:00am-10:45a | Breaking Open the Word (R Lib) |
| 11:00am-11:15a | CLW (CH) |
| 12:30pm-2:00pm | Clothing Drive (outside) |

Blessed Trinity's Holy Name Society is participating in the Eighth Annual Men's Socks & Underwear Drive. The Drive will run from October 4th through October 12th and Blessed Trinity parishioners and friends are asked to place any donations of NEW items in the collection box located in the Narthex.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
39TH ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY
October 12, 2025

*For the month of October, the **Bountiful Basement** could use hygiene products (bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, and bags).*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

4:00pm Anna Klinger (Catherine Rafter)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31(138)

9:00am Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

11:00am at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

8:30am Miriam Rodriguez (Anthony Pickney)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

No Mass

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

8:30 Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, OCT. 5 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10(141)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Nelson Souza, father of
Anelize Nader. May God grant comfort
to their family and friends*



Children's Liturgy of the Word is scheduled to begin Oct. 5th on Sunday mornings at the 11am Mass, but to continue this wonderful program we need adult help. You may choose to break open scripture with children (resources provided) or just be present during the program as another adult leads the session. All our programs with children require that two adults are present. High school age youth can also be mentored to lead the scripture reflection. Younger youth can serve as lectors. Call Briyant to inquire or to sign on with a wonderful program!

There is a collection this week for Catholic Communications. Please place donations in a separate envelope.

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